

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on January 13, 2003 at 8:05 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 148, 1/9/2003; HB 239,
1/9/2003; HB 188, 1/9/2003;
HB 231, 1/9/2003

Executive Action: HB 58, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 20-0

HEARING ON HB 148

Sponsor: REP. F. SMITH, HD 98, POPLAR

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:06 a.m. Rep. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

8:09 a.m. Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony:

8:10 a.m. Bob Gilbert, Montana Petroleum Marketers

8:14 a.m. Mark Staples, Montana Wholesale Distributors

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

8:17 a.m. Rep. Lake

8:17 a.m. Rep. Smith

8:18 a.m. Rep. Peterson

8:18 a.m. Rep. Smith

8:19 a.m. Rep. Erickson

8:19 a.m. Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue (DR)

8:21 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

8:21 a.m. Bob Gilbert

8:23 a.m. Rep. Erickson

8:24 a.m. Neil Peterson

8:27 a.m. Rep. Fuchs

8:27 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

8:28 a.m. Neil Peterson

8:29 a.m. Rep. Lambert

8:29 a.m. Rep. Smith

8:30 a.m. Rep. Fuchs

8:32 a.m. Mark Staples

8:32 a.m. Rep. Lake

8:33 a.m. Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

8:34 a.m. Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 239

Sponsor: REP. FACEY, HD 67, MISSOULA

EXHIBIT(tah06a01)

EXHIBIT(tah06a02)

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:36 a.m. Rep. Facey

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

8:43 a.m. Gerald LaChere, Director, Montana Lottery

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

8:47 a.m. Rep. Lake

8:48 a.m. **Gerald LaChere**

8:49 a.m. **Rep. Erickson**

8:50 a.m. **Gerald LaChere**

8:52 a.m. **Rep. Erickson**

8:52 a.m. **Rep. Facey**

8:53 a.m. **Rep. Lambert**

8:53 a.m. **Gerald LaChere**

Closing by Sponsor:

8:58 a.m. **Rep. Facey**

HEARING ON HB 231

Sponsor: REP. WAITSCHIES, HD 96, PEERLESS

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:00 a.m. **Rep. Waitschies**

Proponents' Testimony:

9:07 a.m. **Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association**

9:08 a.m. **Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

9:09 a.m. **Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue**

9:11 a.m. **Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties**

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:13 a.m. **Rep. Cohenour**

9:13 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

9:14 a.m. **Rep. Cohenour**

9:14 a.m. Rep. Laslovich

9:15 a.m. Harold Blattie

9:16 a.m. Rep. Laslovich

9:16 a.m. Neil Peterson

9:17 a.m. Joe Balyeat

9:17 a.m. Rep. Fuchs

9:18 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

9:18 a.m. Rep. Waitschies

9:18 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

9:19 a.m. Rep. Waitschies

9:21 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

9:22 a.m. Rep. Waitschies

9:22 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

9:23 a.m. Rep. Waitschies

9:23 a.m. Rep. Ross

9:23 a.m. Neil Peterson

9:25 a.m. Rep. Ross

9:26 a.m. Neil Peterson

9:26 a.m. Rep. Cohenour

9:27 a.m. Neil Peterson

Closing by Sponsor: 9:28 a.m. Rep. Waitschies

EXHIBIT (tah06a03)

EXHIBIT (tah06a04)

HEARING ON HB 188

Sponsor: REP. DEVLIN, HD 3, TERRY

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:30 a.m. Rep. Devlin

Proponents' Testimony:

9:32 a.m. Kurt Alme, Department of Revenue

9:41 a.m. Randy Wilke, Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT(tah06a05)

EXHIBIT(tah06a06)

EXHIBIT(tah06a07)

EXHIBIT(tah06a08)

10:00 a.m. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

10:00 a.m. Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

10:02 a.m. Todd Lorshin, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:03 a.m. Rep. Peterson

10:04 a.m. Kurt Alme

10:05 a.m. Rep. Lake

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10:06 a.m. Rep. Ross

10:06 a.m. Rep. Devlin

10:07 a.m. Rep. Anderson

10:08 a.m. Randy Wilke

Closing by Sponsor:

10:10 a.m. Rep. Devlin

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 58

EXHIBIT(tah06a09) Amendment to **HB 58** (HB005801.ajm)

Motion/Vote: 10:15 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON** moved that the **AMENDMENT** to **HB 58 DO PASS**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: 10:15 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON** moved that **HB 58 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:15 A.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah06aad)